

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

The Office Action Summary states that Claims 1-46 are pending, and Claims 35-46 are allowed.

However, Claims 47-49 were added in the Response to Office Action submitted on February 10, 2005. The Examiner has acknowledged receipt of the Response; but does not list Claims 47-49 as pending claims in the present Office Action. Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner acknowledge the entry of those three claims.

Request to Withdraw Finality

The Examiner has cited a new reference USPN 6,831,770, which was not cited in the previous Office Action dated November 19, 2004. Since this is a new ground of rejection, the Examiner is requested to withdraw the finality of this Office Action.

35 USC §102(e) Rejection

Claims 1-10, 13-29 and 34 are rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Liang et al (USPN 6,831,770). The rejection is traversed.

Figure 8 of Liang et al shows two conductive layers 86 and 87; but only one layer of display cells. The one layer of display cells is sandwiched between the two conductive layers. Liang et al do not disclose an electrophoretic display comprising more than one layer of display cells.

In contrast, Claim 1 of the present application calls for an electrophoretic display comprising more than one layer of display cells filled with electrophoretic fluids. The present invention is illustrated in Figures 2-5.

Therefore, Liang et al do not anticipate the subject matter of Claim 1.

The above discussion also applies to other independent claims, Claims 25 and 28.

Since Claims 1, 25 and 28 are allowable, the claims dependent from these independent claims, namely Claims 2-10, 13-24, 26, 27, 29 and 34, are also allowable.

Objection of Claims 11, 12 and 30-33

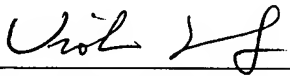
Since Claims 1 and 28 are allowable, Claims 11, 12 and 30-33, which are directly or indirectly dependent from the allowable claims, are also allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the application is now in good and proper condition for allowance. Early notification of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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